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amount of stimulus bill passed by the House

info from www.cnn.com

Bobcats climb national rankings, PBC standings



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Junior point guard Ty Rowland controls possession and sets up the Bobcat offense against Columbus State on Wednesday night.

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Traffic incident alarms pedestrians

BY CLAIRE DYKES
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU freshman, Chloe Jenkins, was crossing the intersection in front of the college dining hall when she was hit by a black BMW at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

The driver, Christopher Grizzle, was talking on a cell phone on Hancock Street going toward downtown turning left onto Clarke Street in a black BMW. According to the Milledgeville Police Department's report, he waited for oncoming traffic to turn, but failed to yield to pedestrian, Jenkins. Jenkins was rightfully walking west in the crosswalk.

Grizzle was issued a citation for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

Jenkins was immediately taken by ambulance to Oconee Regional Medical Center. The EMT's took precautions to ensure her safety though there was no visible injury.

"They put a neck brace on her to make sure she didn't have any trauma," Bryan Jackson, director of university communications said.

According to Jackson, Milledgeville Police Department responded

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Paramedics, police and community members gather around Chloe Jenkins, a pedestrian struck by a car in front of the campus dining hall Monday.

Smoking ban proposal tries to find a compromise

BY SARAH GIARRATANA
STAFF REPORTER

The issue of smoking on campus continued to smolder as students, faculty and staff met for a discussion forum addressing SGA's proposal to restrict smoking on campus.

SGA wrote a bill in response to the online poll conducted in September, which reported that only 60 percent of students supported a completely smoke-free campus. To compromise between smokers and nonsmokers, the legislature proposed restricting smoking outside of doorways and entrances by 30 feet.

"We passed a resolution specifically limiting smoking," SGA President Ryan Greene said. "After SGA passed the resolution, SGA Senate assigned a committee to further investigate this policy before they pass the resolution."

As students and faculty gathered to discuss the issue, they aggressively asserted their opinions both for and against the legislation.

"I do not believe that this is the right movement," said Andrei Barkovskii, biology professor. "If [smoking] is to be restricted, why not remove all the soda machines? Those are just as unhealthy."

Many students and faculty expressed concern about people smoking in doorways and recognized the need to clearly define the previously unstructured smoking policy at GCSU.

"We don't want to tell people what they can and can't do," SGA Attorney General Michael George

Next Forum

Feb. 4, 2009

9 a.m.

Location: TBA

Study Week pitch stalled

BY MATT ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association's study week resolution forbids any tests to occur on the week before final exams. However, this resolution still allows the professors to teach new material on the week before final exams.

"Yale, Harvard and Princeton have a study week where there is no new material or tests the week before finals," SGA President Ryan Greene said.

SGA wrote up this resolution because it believed students had a concern with tests before final exams.

"I can't imagine any student being against this resolution," Greene said.

SGA passed the resolution last semester on Dec. 3. The resolution went to the Academic Policy Committee (APC) on Jan. 16 where the committee referred it back to SGA.

APC referred the resolution back to SGA not because of the content of it but because of how it was written up.

"APC was supportive of the premise of the resolution, but [APC] had problems with the writing being confusing," Dr. Bee Crews, APC vice-chair, said. "The resolution needs more clarification. These reasons are why we sent the resolution back to SGA."

APC's minutes reviewed the major concerns of the resolution. The resolution had "a number of 'whereas' statements used to support the resolution need to be either clarified (definition of 'small quizzes'), expanded the list of exclusions to include presentations and all discipline/school required lab/certification exams."

Students mostly agree that tests the week before a final is a bad idea.

"Exams just stress people out," freshman Davis Barlow said. "We have enough tests as it is."

Some students don't mind the resolution allowing professors to teach new material.

"This resolution gives us more time to study," sophomore James Broom said. "I

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Bobcat Vision gets a face-lift for Spring

BY BETH BENTON
STAFF WRITER

SGA is completely re-organizing Bobcat Vision to better suit student needs and interests.

“Its purpose is being re-examined,” SGA president Ryan Greene said.

Ryan and other SGA members are excited to see these new changes implemented over the next few weeks. The changes include new content, more graphics and less text, news, weather, GCSU sports scores, a GCSU news scroll on the bottom of the screen, and the display of student media and art.

“I like the new direction that Bobcat Vision is going toward,” said freshman biology major Bobby Boyd. “The televisions just need basic, helpful information that is visual and can help the common student. Personally, all I need to see are some sports scores, the weather, and possibly some helpful news.”

Many other students are also excited to see the new changes on televisions around campus.

“I really like Bobcat Vision,” said sophomore history major Nick Norton. “I use the screens to check the news and weather and catch up on upcoming events in between

classes.”

Bobcat Vision (BV) was officially implemented in late August of 2008, but the idea of BV came about a year and half before that, in the summer of 2007. Its purpose is to give students an easy way to receive announcements and information about upcoming events. Before Bobcat Vision, students had complained about not knowing when events or activities were taking place on campus. BV is an easy and convenient way for students to find out what is going on around campus.

After debuting the system in August of 2008, SGA received several concerns and suggestions from students. Some student felt that there was too much text and found it hard to pay attention to. Some felt that it was not appealing to the eye, and others thought that it needed to be “more useful” in general. SGA and Campus Life have taken these suggestions and concerns and decided to give Bobcat Vision a new face and a bolder look.

“All in all, the system will be much more appealing,” said SGA President Ryan Greene. “It will grab the student’s eyes more, and it will be an easy and convenient tool for students when they want to know what is happening on campus.”

Younger generation unfazed by television going digital

BY SARAH GIARRATANA
STAFF REPORTER

Televisions equipped with bunny ears across the nation will soon fall silent as the digital television transition, known as the DTV switch, goes into effect. Though this movement will involve many consumers around the nation, it will not effect GCSU students or Milledgeville residents.

“The switch will affect people who live close to a T.V. signal,” broadcast teacher Angela Criscoe said. “In terms of GCSU, we will not be affected.”

The government initiated DTV switch, will go into effect on Feb. 17. Many televi-

sion stations in the United States broadcast on analog airwaves picked up for free by consumers using an antenna. Though most Americans use digital services, such as cable and satellite, those still using analog television will soon be unable to receive signal.

Many Americans still question the idea of switching all stations to digital.

“I do not think that is the government’s job,” student Brooke Woodward said in response to the legislature making the switch mandatory. “They’re definitely overstepping their bounds of power, but the switch

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GCSU gets rave reviews

BY MATT KUHL
STAFF REPORTER

The Princeton Review has named GCSU to its list of Best Value Colleges of 2009. In an article in USA Today, the education service/test-prep company listed 100 public and private colleges that “provide high-quality academics at a reasonable price.”

GCSU joins four other Georgia colleges and universities on the list: Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia, Emory University and Agnes Scott University. Several other prominent universities on the list include Harvard, Yale and the six national service academies.

According to another USA Today article, Princeton Review based its picks on over 30 criteria, divided into three categories: academics, cost and financial aid. Some data came from the school, while other parts came from interviews with students at the various colleges.

In a press release posted on the GCSU Web site, President Dorothy Leland noted the significance of the honor.

“Being named among the nation’s ‘best value’ public universities is especially significant during these difficult economic times,” Leland said. “It means students do not have to sacrifice the quality of their education at a time when many families are trying to deal with financial challenges.”

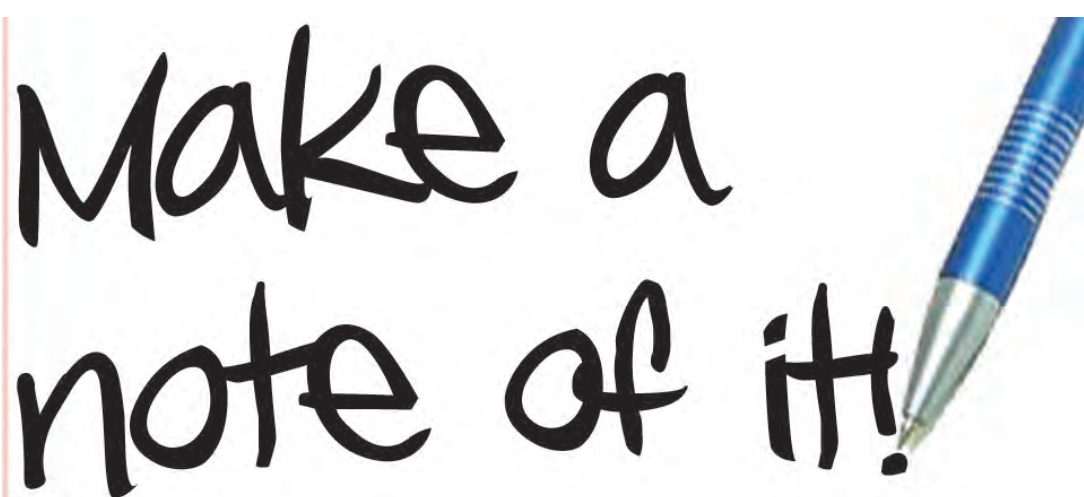
University Communications Director

Bryan Jackson said that the Princeton Review’s honor, coupled with several other awards for academic performance, has emphasized the excellence of GCSU. Jackson noted that GCSU is now the third most selective public college in the state of Georgia, third only to the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

“We think it kind of reaffirms the kind of experience we’re trying to create here,” said Jackson. “Since we changed our mission in 1996...we’ve seen just a huge increase, not only within the state, but nationally, in recognition of Georgia College. I think it’s amazing to people who have been here through that transition to see how far we have really come in a relatively short period of time...We’re seeing, just about every year, an increase in the number of students who want to come here....We’re also seeing an increase in interest from students overseas, we’re seeing an increase in the number of students from other states that want to come here.

“So we think that is good,” continued Jackson. “It does a lot of things for us. It allows us to really bring in Georgia’s best students. We also think it gives us a real leg up on trying to keep those people.”

Jackson further noted that a well-educated workforce was a good way to increase the strength of Georgia’s economy.



BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER

SGA Session 12 Minutes

Announcements:

SGA still working to get softer toilet paper for GCSU students

No progress made in “Study Week” for GCSU students

New Business:

Mission to dance: Charity dance organized for Children’s Miracle Network. It is \$50 to participate with all proceeds going to the Children’s Hospital in Macon, Ga. Anyone is welcome to join on Saturday in the Magnolia Ballroom

Paw Prints Bookstore Sale: For every three-point shot made by the GCSU Men’s basketball team on Wednesday’s game, Paw Prints bookstore will provide a 3% discount off all merchandise besides textbooks, up to 30% off.

GCSU Idol : Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m. buy tickets at www.ticketalternative.com

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For Editor in Chief of The Colonnade



Fight song, a collaborated effort

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
SENIOR REPORTER

The Student Government Association, with the help of the Athletic Department, the Department for Student Affairs and Campus Life, has finally selected a fight song to represent the GCSU community of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

From a pool of approximately ten applicants, the winners responsible for the lyrics are Marcus Green, a junior and the SGA President Pro- Tempore, and Paul Rossetti, who is a sophomore music composition major.

While the fight song itself tells a story of a journey from old to new, both Green and Rossetti agree that creating this song was a journey that they will never forget.

The fight song entitled “Here Comes the Thunder” actually started off as two completely separate pieces of work. However, Ryan Greene, SGA President, felt like Green and Rossetti each had meaningful sections of their lyrics that would work best if combined.

The challenging part of the task for Green and Rossetti was figuring out which lines to keep, and what additional lines needed to be created for a smoothly flowing song.

“We had similar word choices but I think [Rossetti’s] lyrics gave the song a style of new, while my words [Green] gave it a touch of old,” Green said.

It seems that the combination of Green and Rossetti’s lyrical styles directly reflect the type of school they attend. GCSU never forgets its past, but will strive to continue to flourish in the future.

“GCSU is the new thing with the old touch of intrinsic beauty,” Rossetti said.

Rossetti further explains that, looking at our campus from the outside, one will see beautiful historical buildings; however, upon entering, the technological advances are abundant.

When “Here Comes The Thunder” was completed and approved, Green and Rossetti were left with a fight song that they can give to their college that “has substance people can relate on several levels,” Green said.

Although the lyrics are finished, the composition of the song is still being completed and approved, by Dr. Douglas O’Grady, the assistant professor of music

“I tend to write in a contemporary style, but I had to reach back in the past,” O’Grady said.

HERE COMES THE THUNDER

Written by Marcus Green and Paul Rossetti

Here comes the Thunder!
Here comes the Thunder!

Feel the roar of the blue and green
Feel our spirit, hear us scream
We shout across the campus for all to hear
We’ll give no ground and show no fear

We’ve got blue and green like you’ve never seen
And Corinthian columns on everything
From the golden slipper to Bobcat Pride
GCSU! Victory we will provide

GO! GO! GO! Show them what we’ve got
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! Each challenge can be fought
Our loyalty to you we proudly pledge
Because that’s how we do it at Georgia College

While listening and researching other fight songs, O’Grady was able to create a traditional yet upbeat rhythm that accompanies the words with ease.

In order for “Here Comes The Thunder” to be a easy and enjoyable song to chant and sing, O’Grady made sure that there was a straight forward rhythm.

Beginning by working with the basic harmonies on his black, upright Yamaha piano, O’Grady completed most of the composition in a music program entitled Finale.

Finale is able to break down each section of the fight song for all the instruments of the pep squad, which include piccolos, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, horns, trombones, baritones, a bass guitar, drums, and vocalists.

“I consider it an honor to be apart of this [creation of the fight song],” said O’Grady, “It will be here long after I am gone. It is much like a legacy.”

With the excitement of GCSU’s new fight song rising, the wait will not be much longer with “Here Comes The Thunder” premiering on Feb. 21 at the 2009 Homecoming basketball game.

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

Let there be light

Obama starts office with a promise of openness

BY MATT CHAMBERS
STAFF REPORTER

On Jan. 20 at 12:01 p.m., before President Obama recited the oath of office, one of his staff members posted Obama’s promise to the American people of governmental transparency and openness on Whitehouse.gov.

During the first full day of his presidency, Obama proved his commitment to keeping his promise by publishing two executive orders and three presidential memorandums to his Web site for anyone to view. Two of those memos pertain to the issue of openness and encourages other governmental agencies to engage citizens in their government more.

Even with all the talk about transparency, the Obama administration has yet to really define exactly what governmental transparency is. So far, the only detail given from White House officials is that executive department and agencies should use new technologies, primarily the internet, to publish items for public access.

Despite the vagueness of Obama’s definition of transparency, students remain hopeful about the administration’s pledge.

“Thank God someone is [being open],” freshman Emily McCollum said. “Obviously the previous systems have not worked and with the direction that the world is going we need a vast change and if this is what’s going to work, bravo.”

Other students remained more hesitant about the president’s pledge.

“I didn’t vote for him, but I’m willing to give him

a chance,” sophomore Chris Smith said.

Freshman mass communication major Joe Langford is wary due to past politicians.

“I think it’s a worthy cause, but considering all the political corruption of the last 50 years I think it’s a huge promise to live up to,” Langford said.

Michael Digby, chair of the department of government and sociology, argues that about Obama’s plans to follow through with his promise will be short lived. Digby cites presidential history to back up his claim.

“One of the things that we’ve seen in the past is that after a president has been in the White House for a few weeks or a few months it becomes more and more difficult to follow through particularly on the openness and transparency claims because of the sheer fact that you’ve got to make policy,” Digby said.

If the Obama administration does manage to keep the open door policy in the White House, they will need to figure out how much information the public should have access to. Digby says that the amount of information the public should receive depends on the subject matter.

“There are certain fields like treaty talks and weapons systems where you simply have to keep some things private and secret,” Digby said. “In a domestic area where the survival of the country is not going to be at stake by some other country attacking us, its hard to ar

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The New York Times

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY TIMES TALK SPRING SEMESTER 2009

DATE SPRING SEMESTER	FACILITATOR	ARTICLE/TOPIC
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Jan. 14	Sunita Manian	Mumbai Terrorist Attacks and the India-Pakistan Relationship
Jan. 21	Mike Digby, Jan Clark, & Scott Dillard	President Obama's Inaugural Address
Jan. 28	Joe Windish	Fifty Technological Ways to Leave Your Lover
Feb. 4	Pate McMichael	"Covering Gaza"
Feb. 11	Caralyn Zinder, Lana McDowell & Environmental Science Students	Environmental Justice The session will take place in the University Banquet Room as part of the Global Citizenship: Environmental Justice Symposium
Feb. 18	Elaine Whitaker and Ali Duckworth	"Are we poor yet?"
Feb. 25	President Leland and John Teschner	National Service and the Future of the Peace Corps
March 4	Ginger Carter Miller	Breaking News of the Week
March 11	Joshua Kitchens	"Crowds see Market History Made; Phones, Cables Swamped: The creation of public memory in economic hard times." <i>New York Times</i> , 1929
March 18	Warner Belanger	50 th Anniversary of the Tibetan Rebellion
April 1	Ben Scafidi	The Obama Administration Economic Stimulus Package
April 8	Zach Kincaid	The Matthew's House Project: Writing and listening about faith and culture in the Public Square
April 15	Megan Melancon	The President's First 100 Days and the Intersection of Language and Politics
April 22	Paul Basham and Friends	Religion and the Future of the Earth
April 29	Doug Otter	Environmental Ethics



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Study Week

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don't mind if [professors] have to cram in the information as long as I don't have to study for another test.”

A few students don't have a problem with tests being on the week before final exams. “I feel that a test before the final is an extra review,” junior Nicole Beller said.

However, most students claim that they have never had a test the week before a final exam.

“This resolution puts up guidelines for problems that aren't necessarily there,” Crews said.

According to APC's minutes for Jan. 16, the committee members believe students



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Most students approve of the study week proposal. SGA is pushing for it as soon as Fall of 2009.

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to the incident, including the Deputy Chief.

The accident is being investigated by Milledgeville Police Department.

This incident raises the question of how to make the crosswalks on and surrounding campus safer for student pedestrian traffic.

According to Jackson, Monday's event was not the first time a pedestrian accident has occurred. Over the past few years, multiple accidents have taken place.

Alex Olivier was hit by a car while walking in a crosswalk in front of Sandford Hall

Smoking Ban

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questioned the effective enforcement of these policies.

“I don't smoke, I don't appreciate people smoking,” said Paul Jahr, assistant vice president of student services. “Yet, I'm uncomfortable trying to legislate what should be a common courtesy.”

According to the SGA proposed policy, students would receive a \$100 fine as a consequence for smoking.

“If you're going to have the 30 feet smoking policy enforced, the chances of my officers catching anyone would be slim,” said Director of Public Safety David Groseclose. “If you had permissible areas, you might be able to enforce that, but it's really a courtesy issue.”

Other participants in the discussion ques-

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argue that the public can know too much”

On the cautious side, Dr. Jerry Herbel, a professor in the Government and Sociology department, sees providing the public with large amounts of information a possible tool for government to use to its advantage.

“Transparency can be misleading,” said Herbel. “The government can hide things by putting so much out there for the public to wade through.”

All the modern technology in the world has made it easier for information to reach the mass public. For the most part, this information sharing positively contributes to our nation and its well-being.

Some people out there use these tools of mass communication to publish sensitive documents from governmental agencies. One such Web site, <http://www.cryptome.org>, posts memos on issues like security threats to major events, or the national transportation plan of our national nuclear waste. Many argue releasing information of this sort could possibly compromise national security and secrets.

“In the abstract you could say that those who have access to the public through websites to be discreet in what they publish,”

“aren't managing their time/work load well, rather than having too many unscheduled exams right before finals.”

While a small minority, one group of students not only dealt with tests the week before a final exam, but a test on the week of final exams. Junior Caleb Roach has taken about three or four tests/quizzes the week before the final exam in his college career. Last semester for his Human Anatomy class, his teacher gave a test on the Monday of final exam week. He had to take the final exam for that class on Wednesday.

“I can't do well on a final when I have to study for a test too,” Roach said. “SGA needs to add something [to the resolution] to not allow tests on finals week as well.”

on Greene St. in 2007. He suffered a broken wrist, injured jaw and bruised hip.

“They need to put a crosswalk in across from The Grove,” Olivier said. “Anyone who lives there and is a frequent walker is in danger everyday.”

His opinion is shared by other Grove residents.

“I feel like I am playing Frogger every time I have to cross Franklin Street,” Michael Christopher, Grove resident, said. “And not in a good way.”

Hopefully pedestrians and drivers both will heed warnings and be weary of situations where accidents are frequent.

tioned the costs of implementing a new smoking policy. SGA representatives stated that the cost of moving ashtrays and urns further away from the building would cost nearly nothing. Yet discussion participants proposed covered smoking areas, which like sheltered bus stops, could weigh significantly on the school budget.

“I personally like the idea,” said Greg Brown, associate director of Auxiliary Services.

With continual audience participation, the forum thoroughly discussed many aspects of policy.

“I learned a lot,” said Doug Oetter, assistant professor and chair of the faculty senate committee reviewing the policy. “I enjoyed the range of opinions and look forward to hearing more people.”

SGA scheduled another forum to discuss the smoking issue on Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. and encourages all students to come and further discuss this sensitive issue.

said Digby. “It's real, real hard for anybody who's a journalist—I guess some of the folks who have the Web sites could be called journalists in some ways—for them not to print something because the desire to put things out there and to scoop and be the first is a powerful thing.”

On top of providing the public with information, President Obama also promises that his administration will be receptive to feedback and listen to all citizens, even those who didn't vote for him. The President's Web site contains quite a few places and ways citizens can give their opinions. Whether contacted by the online form, postal mail, telephone or fax, the executive branch encourages commendation, comments and critiques.

This new open door policy in the White House represents a shift from the way the executive branch has been ran in the past. Despite this change in direction, Herbel warns that citizens should not be too demanding of the government.

“Nobody should expect significant policy change based on a comment box,” said Herbel.

By promising openness and candor, Obama risks losing a lot by going back on their word. Vowing to provide more information to the public is a valiant deed, but the Obama administration needs to find a balance between providing the public with too much information and not letting enough information out.



GRAPHICS BY CLAIRE KERSEY
TV's will go completely blank if owners do not buy converters for their older TV sets.

Digital TV

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bother me; I'm on cable.”

Others seem less concerned with the government and more concerned with the transition's impact on families. According to Nielsen Media Research, the transition effects 7.8 million households across the nation.

“It will definitely affect the older generation and probably the lower income families,” junior Taquita Miles said. “I do not think it will affect me or my generation.”

Most students feel that transition will not affect them or their families, but thanks to advertising campaigns by the government, students seem familiar with the issue.

“My family does not have to convert or anything,” freshman Ellie Ebert said. “But if low income Americans cannot afford the switch, they will lose out on valuable news.”

The government recently ran out of coupons, which were provided through its Web site www.dtv.gov.

President Barack Obama and his advisers recently expressed concern about the digital switch. John Podesta, co-chair of the Obama transition team, urged Federal Communica-

tions Commission to consider pushing back the cutoff date. The Bush administration, after investing much time and money in the switch, opposed postponing the cutoff.

Students appear unconcerned about the effect on GCSU's on campus television.

“The college would take care of anything,” freshmen Rebecca Jenkins said. “But I do not think we are on analog.”

The college does not receive analog signal and Bobcat Media Production does not broadcast in analog.

“We are set, we are on cable,” said Stacey Lumley, video production specialist at GCSU. “We are good to go.”

The FCC already succeeded in transitioning Wilmington, N.C., to a digital town in September 2008. With that success, the FCC plans to impliment the transition nationwide.

The transition will not affect rural areas such as Milledgeville, which receives poor signal far away from the urban areas close to television stations. The transition will likely effect residents of larger cities like Macon or Atlanta.

Though the transition will not affect GCSU, students interested in the national event can visit the FCC Web site or e-mail questions to dtvinfo@fcc.gov.

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Reason #43

We need all of you writers and photographers out there. You don't need experience. Just passion. Going out in the job market is tough these days. Don't you want something to make your resume stronger? You may be able to eventually become an editor. Which means you may eventually get to go to a convention in NYC. Which means you may get to meet this guy. We sure did. Trust us, he looks even smoother up close.

We meet every Monday at 5 p.m. in the MSU Lounge next to Chick-fil-a

Our Voice

National Buy a Newspaper Day

It's no secret that America's economy is on a downslide. Each and every day the news reports on the ever-increasing number of jobs that are being cut in various industries in the country.

Newspapers have been one of the hardest industries. So far, in the short life of 2009, 1,011 newspaper jobs have been cut, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspaper or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

What would he think of this day, when we live in a society that appears to be coming gravely close to the former?

The most important job of the newspaper industry has always been to serve as a watchdog of the government. But as newspapers move more toward the Internet and increasingly away from print the line between news and the World Wide Waste begins to blur.

According to a Jan. 27 New York Times editorial Google's own chief executive, Eric Schmidt, called the internet, "'a cesspool' of false information."

Essentially, without the printed news, people may find it hard to rely on the accuracy of the information they receive online.

Newspapers have also, traditionally, served as historical documents. They capture a moment in time, recording current events for future people who may look back to them for research.

Will this be possible if future news is exclusively online? It's hard to say. Some Web sites do archive all of their stories, however others do not seem to do this.

In order to preserve the printed news drastic action must be taken.

One college student has formed a core group of people loyal to the cause of saving newspapers, with a Facebook group proclaiming Monday, Feb. 2 National Buy A Newspaper Day.

The student, Chris Freiberg of Indiana University, is encouraging everyone to support the newspaper industry by purchasing a local newspaper on that day.

The Colonnade is in full support of Freiberg's proposition. At GCSU, we are lucky enough to have access to free copies of not just The Colonnade, but also the New York Times. However on Monday, please support the newspaper industry and pick up a copy of the (Macon) Telegraph, The Union Recorder or The Baldwin Bulletin. Heck, if you're feeling extra supportive pick up all three.

The newspaper industry is the backbone of American journalism. For it to fall, does not merely mean the loss of jobs, but the loss of credible information to the American people, one of the main foundations this country was built upon.

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM

GOP's minority support wanes



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

As many Americans know, February is our nation's black history month. This year's black history month is extra special as we have just sworn in our first African-American President.

What many Americans may not realize are the direct contributions that the Republican Party has had in the struggle for equality. The Republican Party was founded in 1854 with one major goal in mind: End slavery now. With the election of President Lincoln in 1860, the Republican Party was able to achieve that with the Emancipation Proclamation and later the 13th amendment.

Next, Republicans pushed for the 14th amendment, which would guarantee African-Americans equal access to government facilities, commonly phrased as equal protection under the law. Larry Elder, author and columnist on Human Events Online, points out that every single Republican in the Congress voted for it, every single Democrat in Congress voted against it. The 15th amendment, which guarantees African-American men the right to vote was also

passed unanimously by Republicans, and unanimously voted against by Democrats.

Many decades passed with some great African-American Republican leaders coming and going, like Frederick Douglass, a speech-writer for President Lincoln, author, and a Vice-Presidential candidate for the Equal Rights Party. Another important leader in the early 1900s was Ida B. Wells who formed the NAACP. According to Black History Daily, it wasn't until 1935 that America had their first African-American Congressman that was a Democrat. Prior to that, there had been 22 African-American Republican congressmen. It is no surprise that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. too was a registered Republican according to Frances Rice of Free Republic.

Many Republican Presidents since Lincoln, have also taken a strong stand in support of civil rights. In 1957, following the Brown v. Board of Education decision, Democratic Arkansas governor Orval Faubus ordered the Arkansas state guard to stop African-American children from entering the all-white Little Rock school they were assigned to attend. Republican President Dwight Eisenhower then sent the 101st Airborne Division to protect the African-American students and to show the nation that racial integration must start now.

Democratic President Lyndon Johnson wanted to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In order to do this he relied on the Republicans in the House and Senate for support because of a large number of southern Democrats opposing the landmark civil rights achievement. Republicans responded with more than 80% in both houses voting in favor of the Act.

The Republican Party has made some progress in civil rights in the past few decades. In 1991, Republican President George H.W. Bush appointed Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. Thomas is currently the only African-American on the court and one of just two to have served in U.S. history.

More recently President George W. Bush chose two African-Americans as both of his Secretaries of State, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. Prior to the Obama inauguration, they were the highest ranking African-Americans in any Presidential administration.

Republicans have done a lot for African-Americans historically in their struggle for equality. Unfortunately, the party of Lincoln has been absolutely abysmal in recent decades. Aside from selecting a few qualified, and like-minded African-Americans for political office the Republican Party has stood back and watched as African-Americans have flocked to the Democratic Party.

In 1964, hundreds of college students from the North and West supporting civil rights went to Philadelphia, Mississippi to register African-Americans to vote and hopefully start a movement. Three of these civil rights workers were murdered by white supremacists. These murders made national headlines.

Sixteen years later, Ronald Reagan gave his first speech as the official Republican

nominee for President in Philadelphia, Mississippi where he spoke of his support for states' rights. This was a clear slight at African-Americans who have come to recognize the term "states' rights" as reminiscent of the Confederacy and the days of slavery.

President George W. Bush wasn't any better as he was offered an annual invitation to speak to the NAACP just as most U.S. Presidents do. It wasn't until the sixth year of his administration that he could find the time to meet with the civil rights organization.

Republicans have a grand history of supporting civil rights for African-Americans. But sadly this is ending. Republicans no longer try to relate to African-Americans or seemingly reach them with their message. Republicans accept it as a given that in any election over 90% of African-Americans will vote against them. And they wonder why.

Maybe it has to do with the fact that in 2008 out of ten Republican Presidential Primary candidates, all ten were white males. And then they brag about diversity by selecting Sarah Palin as their Vice-President.

No national party can survive long-term by winning just one demographic, no matter how large. As America becomes more diverse each day, the Republican Party needs to find a way to appeal to African-Americans as well as other minorities if they wish to remain a credible national party.

Stimulus bill: the good and the bad



BY MATT CHAMBERS
COLUMNIST

What's \$819 million among friends, right? Wednesday evening the House passed the newest economic stimulus bill in another attempt to shock our dying economy back to life.

Personally, I'm a little sick of my tax money, my parents tax money, even my grandparents tax money being spent so carelessly. This particular legislation really frustrates me because despite Obama's pledge to listen to Republicans and make it a true bipartisan bill.

The bill, also known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), does contain some very smart, long-term approaches

that would provide jobs as well as provide services to citizens.

The part I adamantly support is extending broadband access to businesses in rural areas. In this day and age if you live in one of the most advanced countries in the world and are not able to connect to the rest of the world, you seriously are at a disadvantage. Not only does the Internet allow business connections to be made, but it also allows sharing of ideas and knowledge. I can't tell you how many times I have learned something new from Google or Wikipedia.

Another noteworthy thing about the ARRA is that there is a Web site solely dedicated to posting how the money is being spent for the public to see. The Web site, <http://recovery.gov>, promises that an oversight board will post how money is spent in a way to try and prevent waste and keep the money being spent the right way.

The two parties also both agreed that there would be no earmarks on this bill. I'm not naive enough to think that means pet projects won't be there, they'll just

be well hidden.

Now I do have some problems with this new stimulus bill.

The bill has a focus on rebuilding America's infrastructures in an attempt to provide jobs. The ARRA wants to rebuild roads, bridges and waterways. Now this sounds good in theory. But people forget we have all those things already.

Rebuilding roads will cause more traffic, which in turn will cause more pollution from individuals sitting idly in their car cursing. There's the same problem with bridges. We'd have to build replacement, temporarily bridges to use while we repair the old ones. Thus, more work and construction and even more cursing.

One issue that Obama has been pushing in this bill is the modernization of medical records. He claims that this will speed up medical visits and prevent mistakes. Again, this is something that sounds good in theory, but has one huge flaw in it.

Computers crash. Every person has experienced a computer meltdown. Murphy's Law happens, whether

it be a virus that causes the computer to crash or just a frozen screen, the worst possible thing will happen at the worst possible moment. If we put such important information on to computers that could possibly crash then it could cause crisis at the worst possible moment. All it'd take to show the holes in this is a woman to break her arm and not be admitted to a hospital because the computer with her records crashed.

On top of crashes, computers can be hacked. Even some of the top governmental databases have been hacked before. Having personal information on a computer that could be compromised poses a serious threat to identity theft.

All and all this bill has good intentions. Obviously, the economy needs something to knock it back into place, but I don't think this bill is the right thing. I feel that the Obama administration is rushing to get some sort of a bill out there when I'd prefer they slow down and really think. That way we can get it right...this time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bush wasn't a bad guy

Dear Editor,

As a conservative, it doesn't hurt me to admit that Republicans messed up in both elections of '06 and '08. They had it made in '04; they controlled the Senate, the House, and the White House, but they fell back on so many promises. They deserved what happened.

There is one man who didn't deserve half the punishment he received, former President Bush.

I don't mind America hating him for going to a war. Don't forget he took down one of the world's worst dictators in modern history.

America can hate him for displaying a banner that read: "Mission Accomplished," but don't forget he had the courage to see this war through to REAL victory.

Yes, it's true no one liked the surge in the beginning, but even Obama has admitted that it worked "beyond our wildest dreams."

Too bad he spent too much on AIDS research than any President in history, but I guess AIDS research isn't that important anymore, right?

How many years did Bush keep us safe? Almost eight? Wasn't that after the worst terrorist attack ever on American soil. No easy task for Dubya.

I better not dare mention Israel. Bush's unswerving support for Israel continued all throughout his Presidency. Reagan was once called Israel's best friend in the White House. Bush, that title is yours now.

Was Bush a good President? We won't know until he's judged from the perspective

of two or three decades. History gave a sharp upgrade in the policies of the presidencies of Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower. Maybe the same will be true for Bush, but maybe not.

Now, again, I'm hopeful for America under President Obama. I hope he is able to find a way to get us out of Iraq. I hope he gets us out as victors. If he's afraid Iraq is another Vietnam, don't pull us out when we're so close to victory. I often hear troops say, "Let us win!" And no, to the critics, that's not out of a McCain audio file; it's what I hear in Warner Robins!

Obama also has to decide whether or not he's going to implement that heavy tax on Americans making \$150,000 or more. I really hope my brother's business doesn't tank. I pray my retired parents, who both worked really hard for nearly thirty years won't suddenly see their taxes go up. It may be "fair" to give that McDonald's fry cook a chance, but it's "unfair" to penalize those who worked hard too... for just a few decades longer.

Yes, I really do hope Obama has a successful Presidency. There's no real sarcasm hidden in this article. (Okay, maybe some) All negativity and sarcasm aside, as a Christian, I am commanded to pray for all in authority. And I will do that. But, prayer doesn't mean I cannot vote him out in four years if I find I disagree with him more than I agree. But I'm willing to give him a chance.

Tyler Bryant
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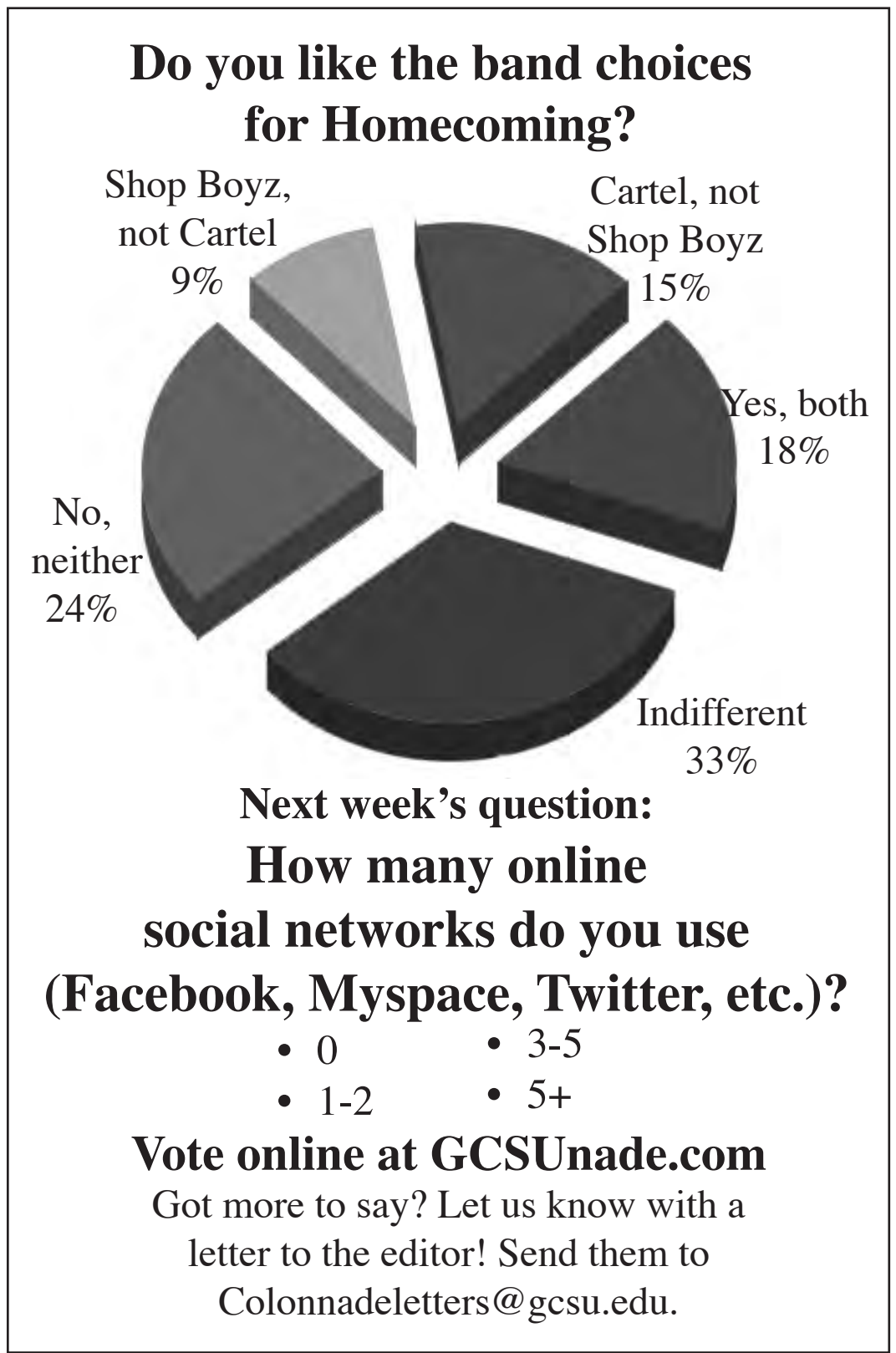
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POLL OF THE WEEK


GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN






Bobcat Beat

Who would you pick for the Homecoming band?




“I would like Reliant K to play at Homecoming.”

Brandon Muggy, freshman, education




“I think it would be really cool if My American Heart played for Homecoming.”

Brittany Madero, freshman, undeclared




“If Lady Gaga was performing, I think everyone would want to go.”

Elaine Larson, freshman, pre-nursing



“If My Bloody Valentine played, I would definitely pay to go see them.”

Eric Larson, freshman, undeclared




“Definitely Lil Wayne.”

Wally Foon, freshman, undeclared

Reported by Taylor Ehramjian

The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"



ColonnadeVent
Last message received at: 6:33:10 PM

I want my roommate to stop masterbating so much...just stop.

Okay, here's one. It bugs me that the Colonnade Vent away message ends with a preposition. You represent a newspaper, for crying out loud. (Editor's note: Thanks for pointing this out, it has been adjusted.)

I need to find Lee, or his four dollars.

I wish Blackbird was open later.

I wish I still had my Tune Squad jersey.

Am I gonna be on the front page this week?

Shop Boyz? Cartel? Who f'in cares?!

You still have one more after this?

Dear roommate: I'm going to let your cat out of the house, it's going to disappear

You ain't walkin' like I'm bumpin'.

What is so smart about Smartwater? I drink it, I feel no smarter... Or, maybe I do!

(Editor's note: Send your vents this week!)

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The hype about Skype



BY ABBY BRYANT
STAFF WRITER

Whether leaving for a mere week or for a lifetime, chatting, voice chat, and even face to face conversations can take place using a computer anywhere internet connection is available, thanks to Skype.

In 2003, Niklas Zennström and Janus Friis created this unique tool that allows “Skype to Skype” calls free of charge (calls can be made to landlines for a small cost). Skype membership is free; simply visit the Web site, download the application, create a user name, and you are good to go. Skype can be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home, or over a cup of coffee in your favorite coffeehouse (using a headset, of course).

Blowing up your chat to full screen size

“Being able to see those I love when I can’t be by their side keeps a smile on my face.”
-Lauren Carroll

can give the essence of actually sitting face to face with whom-ever you are chatting with. Sophomore mass communication major Lauren Carroll has been taking advantage of the program for the last two years. Carroll was introduced to Skype by her aunt who has been living in Paris, France for most of the year.

“Skype is a great way to keep in touch with friends and loved ones who are either in a different country or even different state for free,” Carroll said. “Being able to see those I love when I can’t be by their side keeps a smile on my face.”

Sophomore mass communication major Chichi Ifionu, from Nigeria, uses Skype to keep in contact with her family and friends back at home. Ifionu describes Skype as “a cheap and reliable” form of communication. Ifionu uses the program daily; it helps her keep in touch with her family overseas.

“It lets you have a video conversation with people far away for a cheap price,” Ifionu said.

Meredith Carpenter, a sophomore Spanish major who is currently spending her semester studying abroad in Spain, uses Skype several times throughout the week to communicate with family and friends back in the United States. She says that she likes Skype because

“it lets her feel connected with things back home.”

“I am an ocean away but I can still see the faces of my friends and family and talk to them like a phone call. That and it is free, which makes it absolutely perfect,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter said that every student on her trip has taken advantage of Skype’s services.

Skype is used not only for personal conversations, but can be used in the classroom as well.

Keith Hamon, a professor at GCSU, uses Skype and other internet chat programs in his classroom a couple of times throughout the semester.

“I use video chatting to connect my students to interesting people around the world, depending on the topic of classroom discussion and my chat buddy’s availability,” Hamon said. “I also use video chatting to link back to my classroom if I’m out of town say, attending a conference. I try not to cancel classes.”

Hamon said that he is “a big believer in video chatting, and (thinks that) it works well in education.” Professor Hamon first used Apple’s iChat and was later introduced to Skype by a friend.

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-Meredith Carpenter



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“Help!” play gets audience involved

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Collages and portraits explore the understanding of humanity

BY SOPHIE SINGER
STAFF WRITER

Understanding the world around us in a mystical, unordinary and spectacular way can seem intriguing and informational. GCSU’s Focus Museum is hosting an exhibit on “Everyday Mythologies” by the artist Dayna Thacker.

Most of the work that will be held in the exhibit consists of collages dealing with systems of information contributing to the understanding of humanity. Each of these collages is so precise and perfected to

the maximum.

“When I viewed the various collages and portraits, I was astonished as to how intricate Dayna Thacker’s artwork was,” freshman Patrick Robertson said. “Each piece held its own uniqueness and detail.”

Shannon Morris, Curator of GCSU’s Museum, thinks Thacker’s masterpieces are, “very appealing because of her attention to detail and she works with so many concepts in mind, including religion, philosophy, and how we explore and live with the things around us.”

Mythology deals with egos,

souls and religion. Not only does Thacker express her art through collages, but also portraits of individual people. These portraits express the personalities of the individual and other information to make sense of life itself. The individuals that are in these portraits are just people from everyday life, not specifically anyone famous or well-known. Her artwork involves everyday thoughts, people and objects that are created to explain our personal lives.

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“The Lover” is an intimate experience for cast and audience

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER

In a sultry display of passion, Gabriel Byndloss and Christopher Venable lit up the stage in Harold Pinter’s “The Lover”. The two actors prepared for weeks to get the chemistry on stage just right. The play was directed by Jon Russell for his senior project who, after months of research decided on the lusty comedy.

“I wanted my first major production to be captivating. ‘The Lover’ was smart, sexy, and witty. I think it really impressed the audience with the level of acting and depth of the storyline,” Russell said.

No doubt the audience adored the darling married couples’ attempt to liven up their relationship. The sophisticated Sarah (Byndloss), and dashing Richard (Venable) dazzled the audience with a spectacular game of role play. The audience was pulled in by Venable’s suave performance as he romanced Byndloss in a tantalizing game of cat and mouse improved by Gabriel’s sophisticated air of sexuality and confidence.

“I thought the play was fabulous!” said sophomore Heather Ross. “It was mysterious and kept you guessing until the end.”

The play immortalized a classic old time feel, warming the audience with humble charm and tasteful humor. With superb acting, both actors filled the stage with an emotional performance emphasizing key aspects of the characters to entice the audience.

“It felt great to challenge myself,” said Christopher Venable, “the character evolved throughout the play. We really tried to convey the tempest mindset though our acting.”

Playing in Max Noah, the stage felt like a window into the secret life of a married couple. This was no mundane couple, however. The play turned racy as Byndloss stepped out of the penny loafer housewife mantra into alluring red heels, cat crawling across the stage in a steamy display of passion.

“There was so much to each character,” said Byndloss. “I really felt like the part of Sarah helped me grow as a actress, not to mention the audience loved it!”

The audience was captivated by the storyline watching the odd married couple exchange displays of passion until the mood of the play suddenly turned hostile as Richard’s character got tired of playing games. The twist kept audiences guessing to the end.

“The play was provocative and original,” said saphomore Cody Mosher. “It represented the darker side of married life.”

The play was a prime spotlight on the GCSU theatre department. GCSU theatre program encourages students across GCSU regardless of major, to come enjoy the shows and promote the theatre department.

“There was a personal connection to the characters on stage,” said Steven Walters. “The director used great mannerisms in the play that everyone could relate to.”

“The Lover” was a spectacular performance that charmed and entertained the audiences. Students from GCSU, and even GMC were drawn down a romantic path filled with twists and turns that kept the audience engaged in the storyline. With a complex storyline, “The Lover” highlights a different perspective on the typical love story.



STEPHANIE SORENSEN / STAFF REPORTER

Gabrielle Byndloss and Christopher Venable’s portrayal of married couple in Harold Pinter’s “The Lover” captivates and entertains the audience.

Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS

GIVE Center Moment: 2009 Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon is a national philanthropy on more than 80 college campuses that holds an annual event celebrating a year's worth of efforts raising money for local children's hospitals.



The Dance Marathon shimmy:

Dance Marathon (DM) is a GCSU student run organization benefiting the Children's Miracle Network, specifically sending funds directly to the Children's Hospital in Macon, GA. In 2008, the national Dance Marathon organization reported over five million dollars raised from 80 different schools. The DM big event raises awareness by bringing the students and campus in direct contact with the community and patients of the hospital. At GCSU the money contributed to DM contributes to the upkeep of new equipment and facilities at the Children's Hospital in Macon.

The 2009 GCSU Dance Marathon

What: Activities including a moral dance, interacting with families from the hospital, games and prizes.

When: Saturday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Where: Magnolia Ball Room

Who: 300 students and staff

Cost: \$75 for non-registered participates the day of the event.

* Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 in Magnolia Ball Room.
*Meals will be provided to participants.

Past Contributions:

-2008: \$25,505

-2007: \$12,166

-2006: \$21,138

One students story: Ashley Baum

"I was just a volunteer when I began working with Dance Marathon last year. On the day of the event, I saw the children from the hospital, heard their miracle stories and saw how enthusiastic all the participants were. It made me want to become more involved- so I applied to be on the board this year.

DM is such an amazing organization and it supports a cause I really believe in. What better way to spend your time and money than helping out children? These kids are innocent, sweet, funny and smart. They never asked or expected to be diagnosed with an illness, yet they have embraced their situation and made the best out of what God has handed them. Their optimistic attitudes amaze me."

-Ashley Baum, Public Relations/Marketing Director for "Dance Marathon for the Kids 2008-2009", senior biology major



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Mythologies

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While the physical nature of Thacker's work consists of collages and portraits, a spiritual nature radiates from these works, seeking out powers, personalities and understandings. Thacker mentions how she has a vast interest in mythology because she is "interested in defining our world and putting power in something other than our own abilities."

Although the human aspect of Thacker's art takes place, she also presents her use of animals.

"One of the most interesting aspects about Dayna Thacker's art is her use of animals," Morris said. The way they seem displaced within these architectural structures parallels how we sometimes treat them in the world."

While adding in other forms of life to the artwork, it brings upon thoughts of uncertainty and questions about life.

The "Everyday Mythologies" exhibit was brought to GCSU by Shannon Morris's connection with Dayna Thacker. She worked with Dayna in another location and has known of her spectacular work for a while.

"I brought the 'Everyday Mythologies' exhibit to this campus because it not only deals with literary and philosophical concepts, but also the relationship to mental processes," Morris said.

The exhibit takes place in GCSU's Focus Museum from Jan. 23-March 12. A reception will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dayna Thacker will be giving a talk on that day at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Shannon Morris, museum curator at 478-445-4731 or Shannon.morris@gcsu.edu.

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5. to apprehend the meaning of

6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage



Audience laughs, cries, thanks to ‘Help!’

A traveling theater group from Atlanta came to Russell Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 24 to share their talents of song, dance and comedy. Their entertaining and comedic performance encouraged much laughter and audience participation.

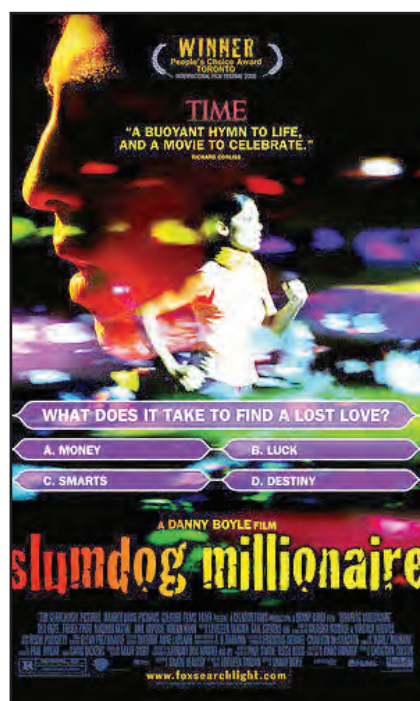
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‘Slumdog’ remarkable from beginning to end! Grade: A

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER



Jamal as he recounts the hardship that is his very existence. He practically lives for facing insurmountable odds, and to see him keep his spirits high really makes you appreciate just how lucky many of us are.

Of course, there is a woman amidst all of this, and her name is Latika (Freida Pinto). Very catchy name if I say so myself, but anyway, she comes into Jamal's life only to have him immediately fall in love with her, and when she disappears, it is up to his story to tell the rest because I

can't spoil it.

In fact, the only reason he even tried to get onto the show in the first place was so that he could find her; apparently she is quite a huge fan of the show and watches it religiously.

Aside from the extraordinary performances from its unknown leads, “Slumdog Millionaire” is a truly astonishing piece of directorial craft. Danny Boyle has always managed to make each film his own in some special way that adheres to his cult following, but this is much, much more than that.

The cinematography is astounding as viewers become pitted right into the center of all the emotion. We feel not just for the leads, but even for the extras in the background as they scrimp and save everything they can get just hoping to see tomorrow.

Behind Boyle's dazzling visual edits, A.R. Rahman composes a very touching score that hits every single note on the dot. When the audience is meant to feel happy or sad at a certain point, every little thing about the scene pushes that feeling over the edge... and it works tremendously every time.

In my earliest reviewing days at the dawn of “The Departed,” I needed at least three or four runs on a film to convince myself that it could be flawless, and having garnered a closer vision over time of what makes a true Oscar-worthy picture, I know in my heart that “Slumdog Millionaire” is the first nail on the board for February.

Every single scene counts, and much like previous nominees, it is taking its time broadening out to the widest audience. How the world responds will be the deciding factor as to just how far Boyle can take this masterpiece, but if it were my question on the hot spot, then my final answer is simple: say hello to your first Best Picture nominee! And if “Crash” was any indication in 2006, early birds usually do get the freshest batch of seeds; in this case... seeds of perfection!

Haven't seen all of the films nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars?

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Chris Moskaly will be reviewing **Frost/Nixon**, **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**, and **Milk** in the next three issues so you will be ready for the award show on Feb. 22!

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GCSU men take five straight and ten of last 11 to tie for lead in conference

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, GCSU's men's basketball team played an away game against Georgia Southwestern State University at Americus and defeated GSW 71-60.

The Bobcats returned to their home court on Saturday, Jan. 24 to play the University of South Carolina at Aiken Pacers. GCSU played in an incredibly close game and defeated the Pacers 69-63. This victory not only broke Aiken's five-game winning streak, but also gave the Bobcats a record of 13 wins with only two losses. The Bobcats have not started this well since the season of 1999-2000.

The Bobcats came into the game determined to win. The first half of the game was extremely close, but the 'Cats played better defense and out-rebounded Aiken, the third-best rebounding school in the Peach Belt Conference.

In the first half, junior guard Ty Rowland was 2 of 2 on field goals, as well as 2 of 2 on free throws, putting up six points on the board and giving him a shooting percentage of 100 for the first half.

"To beat a team that highly ranked was good, it was a team effort," Rowland said. "Everybody was involved in the game, it wasn't just one person. Everybody pulled together."

Junior guard Graham Martin also tacked six points onto the scoreboard with two field goals as well as two free throws. Freshman forward Ryan Aquino was 2 of 2 on field goals. Junior guard Jake Rios, sophomore forward Josh Hurst, and senior guard Ken Kemp were all 2 of 2 on free throws. The first half ended with GCSU leading 33-31. The Bobcats' first half shooting average

was 52.4 percent on field goals, 20 percent on three-point field goals, and 76.9 percent free throws.

When the second half began, the 'Cats came on the court playing aggressive offense and defense. With 18:42 left in the second half, GCSU had expanded its lead to ten points.

The Bobcats also out-rebounded Aiken in the second half for a 33-29 advantage in that category. GCSU's shooting average for the second half was, on field goals 40 percent, on three-point field goals 45.5 percent, and for free throws their average was 68.2 percent.

Martin led the way for the Bobcats with 17 points, and senior guard Shaun Keaton added 15.

"We need to just keep our focus. We are in a position now where we can really compete for the conference championship in the regular season," Martin said. "We need to realize that and not let up any in practice and not take any of the bottom teams in the league lightly, and come in everyday with that goal in mind."

Starters Kemp and Rowland added 9 and 8 points respectively.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, the GCSU Bobcats faced the Columbus State Cougars at Centennial Center and defeated the Cougars 69-59.

The score at half-time stood at a dead-even tie of 30-30, and the Cougars showed determination in hanging with the No. 24 Bobcats. With 11 minutes and 45 seconds left in the second half, the Cougars led 43-41.

The Bobcats then established themselves, going on a 19-4 run to seal the victory. Senior guard Shaun Keaton scored the most points for the Bobcats, putting up 15. Junior guard Graham Martin had the second-most points with 11, and junior guard Ty Rowland had a game-high eight assists.

The victory puts the Bobcats at 14-2 overall, 8-2 in the PBC, which ties them for first. It is also their fifth consecutive win, and their tenth in the last 11 games.

The Bobcats have a hectic, but favorable schedule ahead of them with three home games in the coming week. On Saturday, Jan. 31 at 4:00 p.m., the team will face Augusta State University at the Centennial Center. GCSU then hosts the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on the follow-



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Graham Martin rises in the line for two points. Martin captured his second straight Athlete of the Week award this week.

ing Monday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Then the Bobcats will play North Georgia College and State University at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Head Coach Terry Sellers is pleased with his team's performance to this point in the season, but knows the road ahead is a tough one.

"We need to continue to work on the things that we are executing on offense," Sellers said. "We need to try to not have any breakdowns on defense. Every game you have a few, so we need to eliminate as many as we can."

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DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Ty Rowland looks for an open teammate as he controls the ball for the Bobcats on Wednesday.

Bobcat baseball looks for strong '09 season

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Picked fourth in the preseason Peach Belt Conference Poll, the GCSU baseball team returns the majority of its key players for the 2009 season.

In fact, the Bobcats return their top seven hitters and two of their top three pitchers from the 2008 campaign.

Head coach Tom Carty believes this year's squad is much more stable than it was at this time last year when he was named interim head coach four months before the season.

"I know we're a better team," Carty said. "The expectations are always high here. We always have high expectations for ourselves, but every year is different."

Those high expectations come for good reason. Before last season, the Bobcats had captured two straight PBC championships, and last season marked GCSU's fifth straight 30-plus win season.

"I think the pitching is a little better that it was last year," Carty said. "Positionally, I think we're a little better, which should mean better offense and defense."

The Bobcats' key losses both come from the pitching staff, with the departure of seniors Michael Newman and Shaun Monica.

Newman anchored the bullpen over the past three seasons, recording 25 wins and 23 saves over the stretch. Monica made his key contributions last season as a starter. The lefty posted a 4-4 record in 14 starts

Lady Bobcats continue streak of their own, rise to second-place tie in PBC

BY ELISE COLCORD
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Bobcats' basketball team is keeping pace with the nationally-ranked men's squad, putting together a four-game winning streak to establish themselves as one of the best teams in the Peach Belt Conference.

The team walked off the court on Saturday, Jan. 24, with a solid 14-point win over the No. 19-ranked Lady Pacers from the University of South Carolina at Aiken.

In the first half, the Lady Bobcats and Lady Pacers found themselves going basket-for-basket as the score flip-flopped until halftime with the Bobcats leading by one point at 38-37.

The competition was fierce and many fouls called against GCSU led to easy points for Aiken at the line. The Bobcats swiftly recovered by sinking a few three-pointers and layups. Sophomore guard Dominique Huffin proved vital on offense, scoring 11 of the 38 GCSU points in the first half. Getting the defense settled also proved a crucial factor in the game for the Lady Bobcats.

Junior forward Anotinette Reames described their initial difficulties with the Lady Pacers.

"We went through the plays pretty good, but they ran a flex offense which is very hard to defend," Reames said.

A flex offense works best against a man-to-man defense, using screen plays, ball reversals, and quick options and counters. Megan Starnes, a senior guard for the Lady Pacers, shook up



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior forward Emily Bixler shoots a jumper over a couple of Columbus State defenders on Wednesday night.

THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Sports uniforms are much more than just athletic apparel.

The general requirements of a uniform are only that it distinguish the team wearing it, and the team's players from one another. Why, then, do we put so much stock into what our athletes wear?

Old-school sports fans generally don't care what the uniforms look like, only who is wearing them. A t-shirt or hat with their team's logo on it was sufficient enough to show support.

New-school fans put more thought into what their favorite players have on when they're on the field. They buy replica jerseys with their favorite player's name and number on the back.

Whenever the team changes uniforms, the modern sports fanatic has to have the latest jersey update for the upcoming season. Understandably, the fan simply wants to feel as close to the team as possible, including wearing the most accurate on-field apparel.

The best example of uniform insanity comes from one of my favorite teams, the University of Oregon Ducks. Their football uniform combinations now total 512 possibilities. According to Scott Wright of The Oklahoman, "it would take 40 seasons, with bowl games, for Oregon to wear all of its uniform combinations."

On the opposite end of the uniform spectrum, we have teams like the Packers, Bears, Red Sox, and Yankees, who have maintained their traditional one-home, one-away uniform schemes for decades. Their fans are the purists, the ones who would revolt if the Yankees took away their trademark pinstripes.

So what unites the crazy world of athletic uniforms? The same thing that unites everything. Money. Replica jerseys are a huge industry in this country, and the franchises and schools want to do anything they can to get their supporters to buy apparel with their logo on it. If a particular team's uniform is lagging in terms of style and sales, an update to a more modern look can generate not only revenue, but actually more excitement and fan attendance.

In short, uniforms cannot win or lose a game, but they can provide an image for a team, and in certain cases such as a "blackout", actually become a tangible part of the game.

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THE SHORT STOP



Upcoming Sports

Basketball (Women's, Men's):

Jan. 31	2 p.m., 4 p.m.	Augusta St.
Feb. 2	5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.	UNC Pembroke
Feb. 4	5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.	North Ga.

Quote of the Week

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence. The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"
-Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner (AP)

Stat of the Week

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The GCSU men's basketball team's ranking in the national NCAA Division II poll this week.

Lady 'Cats

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GCSU's defense with her speed and accurate shots in the flex.

The Lady Bobcats regained their composure and anticipated plays, coming up with several stops against the Pacers' offense.

Junior guard Shandrea Moore reflected on her view of the first half.

"I wanted to get a win because they are No. 2 in the conference and we knew they had great shooters," Moore said. "My girl was real smart and had good reads on our plays. She kind of got off in the first half so I had to come back, get down, and play real good defense."

A standout play for the Bobcats started in the defensive end: two long passes down court resulted in a clean lay-up by senior forward Tiauna Brantley.

The second half got off to a slow start, but the pace quickened as several controversial fouls were called and the teams traded three-pointers. The intensity also picked up with Reames grabbing several defensive rebounds along with Brantley.

Moore created an air of excitement with a few drives to the basket, and Huffin played an aggressive game on offense, scoring 21 of the 78 GCSU points in the game.

Moore also got her teammates involved, and found herself just two assists shy of the school record of 12.

"As a team we shot the ball well. We boxed out and we're getting better each game so that's good," Moore said. "Records are al-

ways nice to have, but it's anything to help the team."

Both teams fought until the buzzer sounded with a 78-66 GCSU win on the scoreboard. Head Coach John Carrick described the game in one word.

"Awesome. I love when the kids come to play and when they put forth the hard work," Carrick said. "It's also nice to have along a good crowd."

In preparation for the next game, Carrick explained that the team would adjust accordingly.

"We will do something different for every-one we play, each opponent brings a different style," Carrick said.

In that next game, GCSU defeated the Columbus State University Cougars 64-52. Huffin again lit up the scoreboard, finishing with 24 points to lead the Lady Bobcats.

Brantley and Moore also stood out reaching double figures in Wednesday's game, and Reames tied Dalana Watson for the GCSU single-season blocks record at 36 thus far.

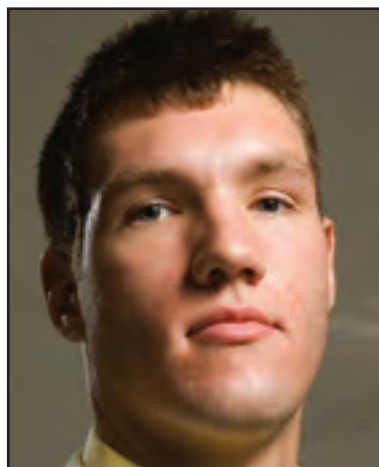
The Lady Bobcats sit tied for second place at 7-3 in the Peach Belt Conference with Clayton State University and Aiken who also won their Wednesday games.

The next home game for the Lady Bobcats is Saturday Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. against Augusta State University.

Carrick made a point to emphasize focus for the upcoming games.

"We need to keep the momentum going and don't let any distractions in," Carrick said. "Repetition is key."

Athlete of the week: Graham Martin



Martin

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Graham Martin, junior guard for the Bobcats basketball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending Jan. 25.

This is Martin's second consecutive Athlete of the Week award.

This week, Martin had three more solid starts for the Bobcats, averaging 17 points per

game in three victories.

In the first two wins, against Clayton State and Georgia Southwestern, Martin led all scorers with 14 and 20 points, respectively. He then led Bobcat scorers with 17 in their Saturday win over USC-Aiken.

Martin currently has a nine-game streak of double-digit scoring which he looks to extend this Saturday against Augusta State.

More about Moore

The Lady Bobcats' guard has big game, but solid backgroud keeps her humble

BY MATT CHAMBERS
STAFF REPORTER

The game remained gridlocked at 63-63 as Shandrea Moore neared the basket with only a few seconds left against North Georgia College & State University on Jan. 7. A lay-up later, Moore had scored the winning two points. The North Georgia game allowed Moore to beat her previous record of 20 points, set just two days earlier, with an impressive 26 points.

"That game was crazy, it seemed like that game I was just able to do whatever I wanted to do," Moore said.

Moore, a native of Riviera Beach, Fl., earned her second Athlete of the Week for her outstanding performances.

Moore's basketball career started around 13 years ago—with a little help from her mother.

"I wanted to run track but she didn't let me," Moore said. "When I was like seven my uncle had a basketball team so she kind of forced me into basketball, but I ended up loving it."

Moore retains no hard feelings towards her mother for pushing her into a different sport. The junior point guard even gives her mother the honor as one of the most influential person in her life, a position she shares with Moore's grandmother.

"Those are the two that raised me and always encouraged me," Moore said.

It comes as no surprise that family holds a spot in Moore's list of the three most important things in her life. God and her own health occupy the two other spots on Moore's list.

Her Management Information Systems major continues to be the thing Moore is most proud of, even if she still has a year to go to get it. Moore's degree holds a motivation for her to keep playing, but it also has important value for her family.

"I'm not the first one to go to college, but I'd be the first one to finish getting my degree out of my family and that's what my mom really wants from me," Moore said. "I always ask 'Mom, what can I do for you?' and she says, 'Nothing, just get your degree.'"

Moore's future will be comprised of less hoops and more computers; she already has been offered a job in Citi Bank's information technology department.

Even after putting in hours every week on the gym floor and doing her schoolwork, Moore manages to find some spare time to relax.

"When I'm not playing basketball and I



Moore

don't have homework, I'm playing video games or some type of game," Moore said. "Guitar Hero, The Sims, Monopoly, it's some type of video game I'm playing."

Moore also enjoys listening to music, which helps to pump her up before a game, more so than a good luck ritual or charm.

Moore's skills at basketball are exceptional, but even more remarkable is Moore's attitude. Despite having scored 20 points or more in two straight games, the junior remains humble about her shooting success.

"I'd rather get assists because I'm a point guard, but if my teammates need me to score at night and I'm able to do it then, of course, whatever it takes to win," Moore said. "Right now I'm just happy that we're winning; we're working our way up to the top in the conference."

That kind of spirit and personality demonstrates exactly what her coach, John Carrick, likes about Moore.

"She's a team player, she's very coachable, she wants to win so she's going to get the ball into the players' hands to give us the best chance at winning and she's a good defender," Carrick said.

Moore, a first-year player to the program, was picked by her teammates to be team captain.

"And this is a first year player coming into a program where she only knew but one other person, Antoinette Reames, and four or five weeks later, after preseason conditioning has been going on for a while, we vote on captain and she's an overwhelming choice," Carrick said. "She's a good leader and the kids see that, not to mention if you sit down and have a conversation with her what a nice, polite, mannerly young lady she is."

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Baseball

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and led the club in strikeouts with 64.

The 'Cats return starters Clete Jessup and Eric Pettepher. Jessup, a junior, started 15 games, recording 5 wins and a 5.21 ERA. Pettepher, a sophomore, also posted 5 wins on the season and a 4.28 ERA. He showed his potential in his April 6 complete game victory at Francis Marion.

The pair figures to be the squad's weekend starters.

"I feel like Clete's going to pitch opening day," Carty said. "I think he earned that by the way he finished up the season for us last year."

"We're still trying to find the guy that's going to pitch in the middle of the week. We'll be looking at a couple of guys early to get stable and get where we're heading."

One of the pitchers Carty will look to as a possible starter will be newcomer Dylan Lightell. The transfer from West Hills Community College in Coaliga, Calif., was a fiftieth-round pick of the Atlanta Braves. The righty tallied a 3.15 ERA in 103 innings, while winning six games and fanning 82 batters last season.

Two Bobcat position players were elected to the preseason All-PBC team.

Junior shortstop Chandler Snell comes off his second season as a starter. Last year he led the team with a .348 batting average.

Catcher and designated hitter Richard Pirkle joins Snell on the All-PBC team. The sophomore comes off a stellar season in which he blasted nine homeruns and drove in 35 runners, while batting .338.

Other key returnees include senior catcher Pete Paris, senior third baseman Brooks Robinson, senior Derek Johns and junior outfielder Sean Harrell.

Leading the team with 102 total bases, Paris batted .341 last season. Robinson looks to improve on a strong junior season in which he batted .319 and drove in 35 runs.

Johns led the Bobcats with 62 RBIs and 50 runs, and Harrell batted .373 while being limited to only 30 games after suffering a mid-season injury.

"We have a good team, but at the end of the year does that mean more wins? It's how



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Junior pitcher Alex Burkhard warms up his arm during practice last week.

the rest of the league is, and how we perform early," Carty said.

The team will be tested early with their first two series coming against ranked foes, No. 36 Erskine College and No. 2 University of Tampa.

"(Erskine) is a good team," Carty said. "It's a tough, important opener for us, it's the type of game that down the road if you are looking for an at-large bid (to the NCAA Tournament) at the end of the year."

The Bobcats hit the field for their season opener Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. at John Kurtz Field.

"We've got some new looks – We've got new uniforms, so there's something for people to come check out," Carty said. "I hope to see a lot of students out to support us on sunny days."



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Jan 30 - Thursday, Feb. 6

Friday, January 30

Saturday, January 31

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Middle Georgia Teacher Recruitment Day
Westside High School, Macon, GA

2:00 p.m. Bobcat Basketball doubleheader v. Augusta State
Centennial Center

Sunday, February 1

3:00 p.m. Lecture by Scott Daniel, Andalusia Farm

Monday, February 2

12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Nursing & Health Careers Expo,
Magnolia Ballroom

5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. UNCPembroke,
North Carolina

7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke
Pembroke, North Carolina

7:30 p.m. Marcelina Turcanu, Piano, and Richard Mercier,
Piano, Max Noah Hall

Tuesday, February 3

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Open Forum: Proposed Campus Smoking Policy
Arts & Sciences Auditorium

12:30 p.m. Until the Violence Stops, Women's Resource
Center - 143 Maxwell Student Union

12:30 p.m. Times Talk, Beeson Hall, Lower Level

12:30 p.m. Investing in Your Future, 110 Atkinson

4:00 p.m. The Road to the Office Series, 208 Atkinson Hall

5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. North Georgia,
Centennial Center


7:30 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. North Georgia

Thursday, February 5

3:00 p.m. Career Talk: "Road to the Office" WGUR-FM


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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Car Ditched

On Jan. 22 at approximately 1:00 a.m. Sgt. Pissott was dispatched to The Grove in reference to two females lying in the ditch. Sgt. Pissott arrived on scene and observed a vehicle several yards down an embankment in the parking lot by a building. Two female subjects were still sitting in the vehicle and advised they were not injured at all. Contact was made with the driver, who advised that she was attempting to back the vehicle into a parking spot, when they went off the roadway and into the ditch.

Sgt. Pissott's observations were that the vehicle was going forward and down the hill, not backwards as the driver advised. While speaking with the driver, Sgt. Pissott observed that she was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, she registered .219. Neely was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and issued a citation for DUI under 21. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Old Capitol Wrecker. The passenger was given a ride to the residence hall in which she resides.

Dropped

On Jan. 23 at approximately 12:00 p.m., a student reported that between Jan. 12 and Jan. 28, an unknown person went online and added and dropped classes for him. The student advised that he had not given his password to anyone. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler.

Wild Ride

On Jan. 23 at approximately 2:30 a.m., Of-

ficer Williams observed a vehicle back out of a parking space, cross both lanes of traffic and then go over the curb on Hancock Street. The driver then drove off the sidewalk and a traffic stop was initiated. Contact was made with the driver. Officer Williams observed that the driver's eyes were bloodshot, glassy and that his speech was slurred. He could also detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the person.

The driver was not able to perform Field Sobriety as instructed. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, the driver registered .118. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and issued citations for DUI, Underage Possession of Alcohol and Improperly Backing up. The vehicle was secured and left at the scene of the stop.

Trespassing

On Jan. 22 at approximately 1:00 p.m., Officer Smith was dispatched to the front of Atkinson Hall in reference to a person previously prohibited from campus being back on campus. Contact was made with the trespasser, who had been banned indefinitely from all GCSU property in February 2008. Hall was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Criminal Trespassing.

Trespassing Again

On Jan. 27 at approximately 3:00 p.m., Officer Smith was dispatched to the area of Atkinson Hall in reference to a person had previously trespassed on campus. Contact was made with the trespasser, who had been banned from all GCSU property indefinitely on April 12, 2008. The man was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Criminal Trespassing. While searching the suspect, Officer Smith found a glass tube containing steel wool in his front pocket. The glass tube was destroyed.

Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen

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NOW HEAR THIS

GCSU Flag Social Justice
Award Legacy Banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. at the GCSU Magnolia Ballroom. It is a social justice awards banquet designed to celebrate and recognize the people and events that have left and continue to leave a legacy of social justice on campus and in our community. James A. Anderson, Chancellor of Fayetteville State University Since 2004, will be the guest speaker. He has authored or co-authored three bestselling books including "The Unfinished Agenda of Brown v. Board of Education," which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Brown Decision, and his most recent book "Driving Change through Diversity and Globalism: Transformative Leadership in the Academy". This event is free and open to the public. Attendees must RSVP by Jan. 30 at 478-445-4233 or annette.johnson@gcsu.edu
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GCSU Homecoming Parade
It's all about Old Traditions and New Beginnings this Homecoming and time to begin thinking about how your office can

get in the spirit! Homecoming week will kick off on Monday, Feb. 16 with an office decorating contest. Campus faculty and staff are invited to decorate their office to help everyone get in the Homecoming spirit! Judging will be conducted that afternoon by various faculty, staff and students. The lucky winners will receive a delivered lunch from Einstein's and the second-place winners will receive a delivered breakfast from Einstein's. Both will receive fame and glory as their decorated offices will be featured on the Info page. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

To register your office in the Old Traditions and New Beginnings decorating contest, return this email including your office location and list of participants! This contest is not limited to offices only. Decorate your door, cubicle, etc.

Sweedish Travels
Have you been to Sweden? Are you interested in traveling to Sweden? GCSU has two partners in Sweden and hosts annual study abroad programs in May and December. There are tons of opportunities to take coursework in English in a variety of majors.

Come Wednesday night to A&S 272 at 7:30 p.m. to meet several exchange

students from Sweden and US students who've studied in Sweden. Learn all about life in Scandinavia and share in fun and laughter and join in the international club meeting afterwards.

PAWS Bookstore Sale
Announcing a new promotion at the bookstore for the remainder of this basketball season... To celebrate our team and to promote Bobcat spirit, the day after each men's home basketball game (one day only!), all GCSU clothing and GCSU-Imprinted items will be discounted 3% for every three-point shot made by GCSU! Come by PawPrints Bookstore at MSU today to take advantage of this sale! Go Bobcats!

Parking Appeals
The Parking Appeals Committee met on Jan. 28, at 3:00 p.m. to review citation appeals. You may check the status of your appeal online through your MyCats login <http://mycats.gcsu.edu/cp/home/loginf> <<http://mycats.gcsu.edu/cp/home/loginf>> or www.gcsu.edu/parking. For those appeals that were denied a HOLD has been placed on your records/account freezing grades release and payment for registered classes; please remit your payment within ten days to avoid late fees and release the hold.



FROM SGA

TODAY

BOBCAT IN THE FLESH

SGA MID-YEAR UPDATE 2009

It's only three weeks into the second semester, and SGA is back, hard at work, on topics from last semester and new ones that need addressing.

While new senators are being sworn in and old committees are being restaffed, there are a few items from last semester that the student body should be keenly aware of.

First, the smoking resolution passed last December by the SGA senate has gone before the university senate's sub committee that is responsible for all policy changes and updates. While it appears now that they will adopt the motion passed by SGA to enforce a 30 ft. limit from all entrances of buildings, discussion about the issue is still taking place. SGA president, Ryan Green, remains active in his role as primary liaison to the University Senate.

SGA as a whole remains ready to re-work the resolution and amend it if the higher power decides such is necessary. As of now, however, it appears the SGA resolution will be passed as is and much publicity will follow accordingly.

Further, another big project from last semester, the "dead week" suggestion has also gone before the University Senate and faced a different result.

While much thought and effort was put into the initial passing of a resolution that would disallow test the week prior to finals week, the senate policy committee decided that it was not in the best interest in of the school to pass the "dead week" resolution into effect.

While SGA did extensive research into the matter, University Senate determined, through their own investigation, that the policy would only serve to limit professors and does not provide significant benefit to the students.

These two major issues have passed though SGA and onto a higher power. Still others, ranging from an increase in toilet paper quality, to getting university housing to allow students to enter the dorms two days before classes start, still drudge on.

It is important to recognize the efficiency of SGA and to know that we will continue to serve the student body effectively this semester.

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